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Book Reviews.

An Introduction to Theology: Its Principles, its Branches, its Results and its Literature. By ALFRED CAVE, A.B., D.D., Principal and Professor of Theology of Hackney College, London. Second edition, largely rewritten. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark. New York: Imported by Chas. Scribner's Sons. Pp. xiii + 610. Price \$4.50.

The subject of this book, the first edition of which appeared in 1885, is what the Germans more commonly call theological encyclopædia, a department of study to which far too little attention has been given in this country. The present work discusses the various departments of the broad field of theology, their nature, utility, and relation to one another, and gives under each head a carefully selected bibliography. The author brings to his work a broad and intelligent conception both of his own special task and of the task of theology in general. The classification of the theological sciences shows accurate and philosophical discrimination; the bibliography a wide knowledge of books and their value. But the book is more than a classified list of literature in the various departments of theological study. By its definition of the various departments of the wide field, and by its recognition of the nature and extent of the sources from which theology must draw, but which have been as yet by no means fully used, it is itself a contribution to theological science. In the preface the author claims for his book that it is a contribution to a new theology, which, though the materials are old and only the organism can be new, is yet to be built on a far broader basis than that of the past. In this judgment respecting the theology of the future we can but believe that the author is right; if he has erred at all it is not by too greatly enlarging the field of theology, but by failing to go far enough in that direction. The encyclopædist of the future will make additions to this work, not only by adding new titles of books, but perhaps by giving more distinct recognition to whole areas of investigation now only very indirectly included. He will never subtract anything except the titles of superseded books.

As compared with the former edition the present is distinguished chiefly, of course, by the revision of the lists of books; this work has been done so far as we have observed with good judgment. Of course every scholar will miss some books that he would expect to see, but this is of necessity the case in a selected bibliography. It is better that it should be so than that the book should be overloaded with titles of works of doubtful value. Aside from the revision of the lists of books, the most notable changes are as follows: The section "What is Religion?" has been rewritten, the matter on pp. 47-57 being largely new. Pp. 77-79 and 87-89 show revision and enlargement. Pp. 123-145, Devotional books, and books on Theology in general, and pp. 327-340 on Biblical Archæology, are almost entirely new matter. On the other hand the "Outline of Natural Theology" contained in the old edition, pp. 144-148, is omitted in the new.

The book as a whole may be heartily commended to all who are interested in the study of theology in any of its branches. We wish it could be in the hands of every minister and theological student in the country, and we are sure that it would be a most useful book to many of the more intelligent laymen, especially those who are studying the Bible with a view to teaching it.

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The Bible as Literature. By PROFESSOR R. G. MOULTON, PH.D.,
REV. JOHN P. PETERS, D.D., PROFESSOR A. B. BRUCE, D.D.,
and others. New York and Boston: T. Y. Crowell & Co.
1896. 8vo, pp. 375. Price \$1.50.

This volume is a compilation of brief studies the purpose of which is to approach the various books and authors included in the Scripture canon from a purely literary point of view, the word literary being interpreted in the main as having less to do with historical analysis and disputed questions of authorship than with the actual content of the works and their forms of expression. Many of the studies are by men whose training has been directly in the line of biblical interpretation. The Free Church College of Glasgow, the Episcopal Divinity School of Philadelphia, Union Theological Seminary, and the seminaries of Hartford, Auburn, Chicago, Cambridge, Oberlin, Newton, and Yale are represented. Some of the articles are by ministers, among whom are Dr. Lyman Abbott, Dr. Lowrie, Dr. Van Dyke, and Dr. Whiton. A few of the studies are by men whose work as a whole has been in general rather than in biblical literary criticism, as Professor Genung